

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action dated October 17, 2005.

Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the printer cartridge is replaceably receivable in a complementary cradle. Basis for this amendment can be found on page 5, lines 9-11; page 12, lines 6-8 & lines 19-23; and page 23, lines 3-8.

Claim 4 has been amended to specify that the fluid storage comprises a collapsible membrane. Basis for this amendment can be found on page 5, line 26 to page 6, line 2.

It is submitted that no new matter has been added to the present application by virtue of these amendments.

Double Patenting

A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith, which disclaims the term of any patent granted from the present application extending beyond the term of any patent granted from copending Application No. 10/760,254.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102(b)

The Applicant contests the Examiner's assertion that the claims lack novelty in view of Silverbrook.

As regards claim 1, Silverbrook fails to disclose the feature of the printer cartridge being replaceably receivable in a complementary cradle. In Silverbrook, the print assembly is permanently mounted on a support structure, and the printhead modules are replaceably mounted on an ink distribution arrangement, which forms part of the print assembly (see [0054] of Silverbrook).

The present invention provides the advantage that the printhead and ink are housed together in the same replaceable unit. Moreover, the printhead may be upgraded without having to upgrade the entire printer (see page 12, lines 19-23 of the present application). An upgraded printhead (which, for example, prints at higher speeds) may require higher quality ink to

ensure acceptable print quality, and the present invention ensures that the ink and printhead are inextricably housed together so that printhead/ink mismatches cannot occur.

As regards claim 4, Silverbrook fails to disclose an ink storage comprising a collapsible membrane. Silverbrook merely discloses (at [0055]) elongate ink reservoir moldings.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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